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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Non-final Office Action mailed on April 27, 2004, and is timely filed with a one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 31-39 are now pending. Claims 37-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 31 and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucero (U.S. Patent No. 5,038,022) in view of Capers (U.S. Patent No. 4,669,596) and further in view of Perrie et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,955). Claims 32-33 and 38-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucero in view of Capers, and further in view of Perrie, and further in view of Crevelt (U.S. Patent No. 5,092,983).

Claim 37 has been amended merely to clarify the claimed invention. No claims have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.